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## PSC TO HOLD HEARING ON PROPOSED EMERGENCY AMENDMENTS TO COLD WEATHER RULE

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on Tuesday, December 6, 2005, to discuss proposed Emergency Amendments to the Cold Weather Rule.

The hearing will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will be held at the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a building that meets the accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Any person needing additional accommodations to participate in this hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

The Missouri Public Service Commission's Cold Weather Rule, designed to help customers with heat-related utility bills, is in effect each winter from November 1 through March 31. The Cold Weather Rule has been a part of the Commission's rules and regulations since 1977. The rule was most recently revised to include a number of new provisions in October of 2004. Since its inception, the rule has helped nearly 3 million customers maintain heat-related service during the winter.

The Cold Weather Rule relates to any residential gas or electric service that is necessary for the proper function and operation of heating equipment. Electric or natural gas service provided by municipalities, electric cooperatives and propane delivered by truck are not covered by this rule since they do not fall under the rate regulations of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

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